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EXPULSION OF U.S. CITIZEN

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(TEXT) MOSCOW--NICHOLAS H. RIEGG, A U.S. SUBJECT, HAS BEEN EXPELLED FROM THE SOVIET UNION FOR HOSTILE PROPAGANDA AND DISSEMINATION OF ANTI-SOVIET LITERATURE. HE WAS CAUGHT WITH EVIDENCE IN SEPTEMBER OF THIS YEAR IN THE UKRAINIAN TOWN OF KHARKOV. IN A STATEMENT TO SOVIET ORGANS, THE EXCERPTS OF WHICH ARE PUBLISHED TODAY IN THE NEWSPAPER TRUD, NICHOLAS H. RIEGG WROTE: "I UNDERSTAND THAT MY FATE DEPENDS ONLY ON THE MAGNANIMITY OF THE SOVIET PEOPLE."

RIEGG CAME TO THE SOVIET UNION IN AUGUST THIS YEAR UNDER THE GUISE OF TOURIST. ON INSTRUCTIONS FROM THE CIA, HE TRIED TO ENLIST IN THE UNIVERSITY OF MINSK--IN THE CAPITAL OF BELORUSSIA. AFTER HIS FAILURE RIEGG RETURNED TO MOSCOW, WHERE HE MET THE SECOND SECRETARY OF THE AMERICAN EMBASSY, DONALD LESCH, RECENTLY DECLARED PERSONA NON GRATA, RIEGG THEN WENT TO KHARKOV, WHERE HE WAS UNMASKED.

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